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5 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**  
6 **OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

7 IN THE MATTER OF ENFORCEMENT )  
8 ACTION AGAINST )

PDC CASE NO.: 03-006

9 United Seafood Business )  
10 Association and Doug Merino )

STIPULATION OF FACTS,  
VIOLATION AND PENALTY

Respondents. )  
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11 United Seafood Business Association and Doug Merino (Respondents) and Public  
12 Disclosure Commission Enforcement Staff (Staff) jointly submit this Stipulation of Facts,  
13 Violation and Penalty for Commission consideration in lieu of a full enforcement hearing  
14 before the Commission.

15 The parties agree that pursuant to RCW 42.17.360 et. seq., the Commission has the  
16 authority to accept, decline, or to suggest modifications to this Stipulation.  
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18 **Facts**

19 Both parties agree that the Notice of Administrative Charges dated July 9, 2002,  
20 contains accurate statements of fact. The Notice of Administrative Charges and all exhibits are  
21 incorporated herein by this reference.  
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**Violations**

Respondents and Staff agree that based upon the facts stipulated above, the Respondents committed a single violation of RCW 42.17.180.

**Penalty**

Respondents and Staff agree that based upon the facts and the agreement regarding the violation above, the Respondents are willing to accept an assessed total civil penalty of \$1,000.00. The Respondents agree to submit payment of \$500.00 at the conclusion of the hearing, payment of \$250.00 by September 30, 2002 and payment of \$250.00 by November 30, 2002.

The Respondents and Staff also agree that the Respondents reserve the right to request that the Commission suspend a portion of the penalty.

The Respondents agree to comply in good faith with RCW 42.17 in the future.

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of July, 2002.

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Vicki Rippie, Executive Director

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DATE SIGNED

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Doug Merino, Director  
United Seafood Business Association

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